GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RESUMPTION OF GERMAN AID
JASWANT SINGH YADAV

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Germany has agreed to resume bilateral aid to India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

Following the Indian nuclear tests, the then government of Germany had cancelled the annual development co-operation talks scheduled to have been held in Bonn in May 1998. Consequent to this announcement, fresh allocations have not been made for new projects to India although projects in the pipeline were not being affected.

On 22nd September, 2000, the German Ministry for Economic Co-operation announced that it is `planning to give new pledges of aid to India and Pakistan next year with a view to normalising the co-operation gradually`. This decision was confirmed by Mr. Joschka Fischer, Foreign Minister of Germany, during a press conference in New Delhi on 30th September 2000.